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SUBJ: POLITICAL PRISONERS

1. SEPT 24 MERCURIO CARRIES FOLLOWING LIST OF 26 UP PERSONALITIES WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN UNDER CUSTODY TO DAWSON ISLAND OFF SOUTHERNMOST PROVINCE OF MAGALLANES. INFORMATION IN PARENTHESIS INDICATES POLITICAL PARTY AND MOST NOTEWORTHY POSITION HELD. ABBREVIATIONS OF POLITICAL PARTIES AS FOLLOWS: PS--SOCIALIST, PCCH--COMMUNISTS, PR--RADICALS, IC--CHRISTIAN LEFT, MAPU--UNITARY POPULAR ACTION MOVEMENT.

1. CLODOMIRO ALMEYDA (PS, MINFONRELS)
2. EDGARDO ENRIQUEZ (PR, MINED)
3. PATRICIO GUIJON (ALLENDE'S PHYSICIAN)
4. JOSE TOHA (PS, MINDEF)
5. JAIME TOHA (PS, MINAG)
6. TITO PALESTRO (PS, MAYOR OF SAN MIGUEL)
7. JULIO PALESTRO (PS, DIR. STATE LOTTERY)
8. JORGE TAPIA (PR, MINJUSTICE)
9. HUGO MIRANDA (PR, SENATOR)

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10. BENJAMIN TEPLISKY (PR, PRES., FED. UP PARTIES)
11. CARLOS MORALES ABARZUA (PR, EX-DEP., SENATORIAL CANDIDATE)

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13. CARLOS MATUS (PS, MINEC, PRES. CENTRAL BANK)
14. LUIS MATTE VALDES (INDEPENDENT, MINHOUSING)
15. SERGIO BITAR (IC, MINMINING)
16. FERNANDO FLORES (MAPU, MINFINANCE)
17. JULIO SILVA SOLAR (IC, EX-DEPUTY)
18. JOSE CADEMARTORI (PCCH, MINEC)
19. CARLOS JORQUERA (PS, PRES. PRESS SECY)
20. ERICH SCHNAKE (PS, SENATOR)
21. ENRIQUE KIRBERG (PCCH, RECTOR STATE TECH. UNIV.)
22. ALFREDO JOIGNANT (PS, DIR. INVESTIGATIONS POLICE)
23. ANICETO RODRIGUEZ (PS, SENATOR)
24. DANIEL VERGARA (PCCH, UNDERSECY INERIOR)
25. ANIBAL PALMA (PR, MINED)
26. OSVALDO PCCIO M.
27. OSVALDO PUCCIO P.
(ONE OF THE OSVALDO PUCCIO'S WAS ALLENDE'S PRIVATE
SECRETARY--THE OTHER IS PROBABLY HIS SON WHO HAS BEEN
REPORTED TO BE AN EXTREME LEFTIST.)

2. MERCURIO ALSO PRINTED LIST OF 48 NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS IM-
PRISONED IN SANTIAGO JAIL FOR INFRACTIONS OF ARMS CONTROL LAW
AND ATTACKS AGAINST ARMED FORCES OR POLICE PERSONNEL. NONE
OF NAMES IS IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZABLE AS SIGNIFICANT UP FIGURE.

3. COMMENT. LIST OF DAWSON DETAINEES IS GENERALLY MIXED
BAG OF TRULY SIGNIFICANT UP OFFICIALS (E.G. ALMEYDA, JOSE TOHA,
SCHNAKE, ANICETO RODRIGUEZ) AND LESSER LIGHTS AND HANGERS-ON
(E.G. TEPLISKY, EDGARDO ENRIQUEZ, SERGIO BITAR). DIFFICULT
AT THIS TIME TO DETERMINE WHAT CRITERIA JUNTA HAS USED IN
SELECTING INDIVIDUALS FOR DAWSON INTERNMENT. APPARENTLY
SOME FORMER HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS--NOTABLY CARLOS BRIONES,
PS, FORMER MININTERIOR--SUFFER ONLY THE SLIGHT INCONVENIENCE
OF HOUSE ARREST IN SANTIAGO.
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